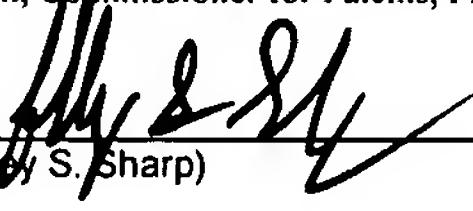


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 4, 2007, the Examiner has required restriction between the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-8, 10-11, 16 and 18, drawn to a tripeptide;

Group II: Claims 1-8, 10-11, 16 and 18, drawn to a tetrapeptide;

Group III: Clams 9, 12-13, 15 and 19 drawn to a method of treating cancer using a tripeptide;

Group IV: Clams 9, 12-13, 15 and 19 drawn to a method of treating cancer using a tetrapeptide;

Group V: Claim 14 drawn to a method of improving efficiency of a drug using a tripeptide; and

Group VI: Claim 14 drawn to a method of improving efficiency of a drug using a tetrapeptide.

The Examiner also required an election of species, either a single disclosed tripeptide or tetrapeptide along with an identification of the species such as one selected from those listed in claim 5.

This response is timely filed as it is accompanied by a petition for a one month extension of time till December 4, 2007.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-8, 10, 11, 16 and 18 for continued examination. Applicant elects Pro-Phe-p-F-Phe as disclosed in original claim 6. Claims 1-8, 11, 16, 18 and 20 correspond thereto.